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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Application of: Marc ALAIA et al.

Application No.: 09/828,731

Filed: April 9, 2001

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
CONTROLLING THE INITIATION  
AND DURATION OF OVERTIME  
INTERVALS IN ELECTRONIC  
AUCTIONS

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**AMENDMENT**

The following is submitted in response to the Official Action dated September 16, 2003.  
The present Amendment is being submitted with a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time  
and a Request for Continued Examination.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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